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### **HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY PASSES BACK-TO-SCHOOL TAX BREAK**

*~ House Democrats Join Republicans in Putting Money Back in Florida Families' Pockets ~*

**TALLAHASSEE, FL** – Today the Florida House reinstated Florida's back-to-School sales tax holiday to benefit Florida's families. House Bill (HB) 483 unanimously passed the House. The bi-partisan measure, sponsored by Representatives David Rivera (R-Miami) and Anitere Flores (R-Miami), passed unanimously on the House Floor in a bi-partisan vote. The bill provides for a one-time 3-day sales tax holiday for clothing and other school supplies purchased from August 13-15 of this year. Bill sponsors Rivera and Flores joined House Majority Leader Adam Hasner (R-Delray Beach) in issuing the following joint statement:

"The bottom line here is that this is not Tallahassee's money," said Representative Rivera. "The money belongs to Florida taxpayers and they deserve some of it back as they stretch their hard-earned dollars to ensure that their children have the school supplies they need. This bill provides Florida families relief."

"As a parent, I understand how every little bit helps when it comes to crafting a family budget, especially in these challenging economic times," stated Representative Flores. "This bill will provide Florida families with a respite from sales taxes at a time when they are preparing their children for the school year."

"Tax breaks like these are never enough, but it's a way for elected representatives to remember that the money we spend in Tallahassee belongs to the people and we must seize every opportunity to let Floridians keep their hard-earned tax dollars, especially during difficult economic times such as we are experiencing in Florida. I commend our Democrat colleagues for joining House Republicans in this bi-partisan measure," said Leader Hasner.

The bill expands the school supply list to include, among other items, pens, pencils, notebooks, notebook paper, rulers, glue, binders, lunch boxes, construction paper, markers and folders.

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